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HOUSE BILL 307

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

GARY K. KING

AN ACT

CREATING A JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC REGULATION
COMMITTEE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. PUBLIC REGULATION COMMITTEE CREATED--
TERMINATION.--There is created a joint interim legislative
committee which shall be known as the "public regulation
committee". The committee shall function from the date of its
appointment until the first day of December prior to the second
session of the forty-third legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES. --

A. The public regulation committee shall be composed
of eight members. The New Mexico legislative council shall
appoint four members from the house of representatives and four
members from the senate. At the time of making the appointment,

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1 the legislative council shall designate the chairman and vice
2 chairman of the committee.

3 B. Members shall be appointed from each house so as
4 to give the two major political parties in each house the same
5 proportionate representation on the committee as prevails in
6 each house; however, in no event shall either party have less
7 than one member from each house on the committee. At the
8 request of the committee chairman, members may be removed from
9 the committee by the New Mexico legislative council for
10 nonattendance according to council policy. Vacancies on the
11 committee, however caused, may be filled by the legislative
12 council, or the council may reduce the size of the committee by
13 not making replacement appointments and in such case need not
14 readjust party representation.

15 C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a
16 majority of the total membership from either house on the
17 committee rejects such action.

18 Section 3. DUTIES.--After its appointment, the public
19 regulation committee shall hold one organizational meeting to
20 develop a work plan and budget for the ensuing interim. The
21 work plan and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico
22 legislative council for approval. Upon approval of the work
23 plan and budget by the legislative council, the committee shall
24 examine the statutes, constitutional provisions, regulations and
25 court decisions governing the public utility commission and the

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1 state corporation commission in New Mexico and recommend
2 legislation or changes if any are found to be necessary to the
3 second session of the forty-third legislature.

4 Section 4. SUBCOMMITTEES. -- Subcommittees shall be created
5 only by majority vote of all members appointed to the public
6 regulation committee and with the prior approval of the New
7 Mexico legislative council. A subcommittee shall be composed of
8 at least one member from the senate and one member from the
9 house of representatives, and at least one member of the
10 minority party shall be a member of the subcommittee. All
11 meetings and expenditures of a subcommittee shall be approved by
12 the full committee in advance of such meeting or expenditure,
13 and the approval shall be shown in the minutes of the committee.

14 Section 5. REPORT. -- The public regulation committee shall
15 make a report of its findings and recommendations for the
16 consideration of the second session of the forty-third
17 legislature. The report and suggested legislation shall be made
18 available to the New Mexico legislative council on or before
19 December 15 preceding that session.

20 Section 6. STAFF. -- The staff for the public regulation
21 committee shall be provided by the legislative council service.

22 Section 7. APPROPRIATION. -- Fifty thousand dollars
23 (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
24 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years 1997
25 and 1998 for the purpose of paying the salaries and expenses of

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1 the technical, legal, clerical and stenographic assistants, for
2 necessary equipment and supplies used in carrying out the
3 provisions of this act and for reimbursing the per diem and
4 mileage expenses of the public regulation committee. Any
5 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
6 fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund. Payments
7 from the appropriation shall be made upon vouchers signed by the
8 director of the legislative council service or his authorized
9 representative.

10 Section 8. EMERGENCY. --It is necessary for the public
11 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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**State of New Mexico
House of Representatives**

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 12, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 307

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Rios, Stewart

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 1, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 11 For 1 Against

Yes: 11

No: Bird

Excused: Garcia, M H. , Knowles, Marquardt, Picraux, Varela

Absent: None

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March 14, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 23, strike "eight" and insert in lieu thereof, "ten".

2. On page 1, line 24, strike "four" in both places and insert in each place in lieu thereof, "five".,

and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Fidel, Griego, Robinson

Absent: None

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